

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SOUTH UNIMAK AND
SHUMAGIN ISLANDS JUNE SALMON FISHERIES

Mixed stocks of salmon bound for distant systems have historically been intercepted in significant numbers along the Alaska Peninsula. To insure that none of these runs are overharvested it is necessary to restrain their interception.

The Alaska Board of Fisheries has established sockeye guideline harvest levels on the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June interception fisheries, both of which are based on percentages of the latest projected Bristol Bay inshore sockeye harvest as published by the Department of Fish and Game. Consistent with the policy statement of management of mixed stock salmon fisheries and traditional harvest patterns, the maximum percentage allowed for the South Unimak fishery is 6.8 percent and for the Shumagin Islands fishery, 1.5 percent. The forecasts for Bristol Bay are sometimes updated as more information becomes available just prior to the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands season, and exact numbers cannot be given at this time.

Guideline harvest levels are established with the understanding that catches will be distributed proportionately over the June runs so as to not excessively impact any segment of the runs. In order to accomplish this the following guidelines will be adhered to as much as practicable:

Weekly Guideline Harvest Levels of Sockeye

<u>Weekly Period</u>	<u>South Unimak</u>	<u>Shumagin Islands</u>
June 1 - 4))	5 %	9 %
June 5 - 11)		
June 12 - 18	29 %	28 %
June 19 - 25	51 %	41 %
June 26 - 30	<u>15 %</u>	<u>22 %</u>
	100 %	100 %

Weekly fishing periods will be announced by field emergency order and they will be adjusted so as to keep the harvest within the weekly guideline. If catches fall below the guidelines for a given weekly period those unharvested sockeye will not be added into a subsequent weekly period. If weekly guideline harvest levels are inadvertently exceeded during any given fishing period, the excess will be a portion of the total guideline harvest level. If, during the last weekly fishing period, the staff determines that no significant fishing occurred due to weather conditions, the staff may, in its discretion, permit fishing to continue after June 30.

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Anchorage, Alaska

VOTE: 6/0

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1980 DIRECTIVE

Under the general concepts of the management plan for the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June salmon fisheries, the Department of Fish and Game shall manage the fisheries to maximize the harvest of sockeye salmon.

Adopted: January 4, 1980
Anchorage, Alaska

VOTE: 5/1 (Schroeder opposed; Goll absent)